

# 5<sup>th</sup> District Lakes, Ponds, and Wetlands Task Force

## Bird Count #8

May 21, 2008

El Dorado Regional Park

### OBSERVATION #1

**Location:** El Dorado Park, Area II (pond and stream)

**Time:** 05/21/08

**Conditions:** cloudy with mild winds

**Observers:** Jill Brennan

Adult Mallards	42
Mallards Ducklings	13
American Coots	3
Domestic White Duck	1
Hybrid Duck	6
Hybrid Ducklings	14
Great Egret	1
Snowy Egret	1
Black Crown Herons	7
Green Herons	2
Great Blue Herons	2
Domestic White Geese	3
Grey Lag Goose	1
Black Phoebe	5
Red Shoulder Hawk	1
Common Yellow Throat	2
Brewer's Blackbird	5
Rock Doves	7
Starlings	5
Western Bluebirds	5
Crows	3
Pied Bill Grebe	1
Pied Bill Babies	3
Osprey	1

**Species:** 21

**Birds:** 133

Field Notes: The numbers are way down, reflecting the migratory nature of our wildfowl. I hope the herbicide spraying of the ponds and stream has not affected the numbers. Good news is that there are babies on both ponds as noted below. There is virtually no duck activity in the sprayed area of the stream. Sadly, on 3/29/08, I found one of the old-time threesome geese dead by the stream. Animal control came in time for it to be "testable", but have not heard anything. It was the greylag goose without the limp. Many of the regular walkers were very sad as this threesome has been in the park for years.